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**HOME CURE FOR BLOOD POISON.**

**Beware of the Doctors' Patchwork; You Can Cure Yourself at Home.**

There is not the slightest doubt that the doctors do more harm than good in treating Contagious Blood Poison; many victims of this loathsome disease would be much better off to-day if they had never allowed themselves to be dosed on mercury and potash, the only remedies which the doctors ever give for blood poison.

The doctors are wholly unable to get rid of the disease—the sores and eruptions. This they do by driving the poison into the system, and endeavor to keep it shut in with their constant doses of potash and mercury. The mouth and throat and other delicate parts then break out into sores, and the fight is continued indefinitely, the drugs doing the system more damage than the disease itself.

Mr. H. L. Myers, 100 Mulberry St., Newark, N. J., says: "I had spent a hundred dollars with the doctors, when I realized that they could do me no good. I had large spots all over my body, and these soon broke out into running sores, and I endured all the suffering which this vile disease produces. I decided to try S. S. S. as a last resort, and was soon greatly improved. I followed closely your 'Directions for Self-Treatment,' and the large blotches on my chest began to grow paler and smaller, and before long disappeared entirely. I was soon cured perfectly and my skin has been as clear as glass ever since. I cured myself at home, after the doctors had failed completely."

It is valuable time thrown away to expect the doctors to cure Contagious Blood Poison, for the disease is beyond their skill. Swifts Specific—

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—acts in an entirely different way from potash and mercury—it forces the poison out of the system and gets rid of it entirely. Hence it cures the disease, while other remedies only shut the poison in where it lurks forever, constantly undermining the constitution. Our system of private home treatment places a cure within the reach of all. We give all necessary medical advice, free of charge, and save the patient the embarrassment of publicity. Write for full information to Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

**CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**CATHOLIC**—Mass at 8 o'clock a. m. High mass and sermon at 10:30 a. m. with choir. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially welcome.

REV. J. W. HICKEY, Pastor.

**EPISCOPAL**—Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, Morning Prayer and Litany Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock, Evening Prayer. Sunday-school at 10:00 a. m. Friday evening lecture at 8:00 o'clock. Holy communion the first Sunday in each month.

**HOWARD STOV, Rector.**

**CONGREGATIONAL**—Sunday-school at 10 o'clock, Morning Prayer and Litany Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock, Evening Prayer. Sunday-school at 10:00 a. m. Friday evening lecture at 8:00 o'clock. Holy communion the first Sunday in each month.

**W. J. TURNER, Pastor.**

**CHRISTIAN**—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m. Prayer-meeting on Friday evenings. All cordially welcome. Morning subject, "Examples." Evening topic, "Where Art Thou?"

**J. W. WALKER, Pastor.**

**METHODIST**—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper after the sermon. Epworth League song service at 7. Preaching both morning and evening by Rev. W. E. Hardaway, presiding elder. Quarterly conference at H. H. Berry's, Saturday evening, at 8. Prayer and Bible study on Wednesday evening at 8. All are welcome.

**J. A. BADCON, Pastor.**

**BAPTIST**—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11. Junior Union at 3. Senior Union at 7. Gospel service at 8. Morning subject, "Stephen's Vision." Evening theme, "Unpardonable Sin." Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 and union Bible study at 8:30. All are welcome.

**T. L. KETMAN, Pastor.**

Rev. W. J. Turner went over to Herndon, Kansas, Wednesday morning, to preach a sermon or two for Rev. W. F. Vogt of that place.

Quarterly conference at the South McCook M. E. church, Saturday at 3. Preaching on Sunday at 3 o'clock.

**THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

**DECEMBER REPORT.**

Following is the report made to the board of education for the month of December ending on the 22d.

Number of boys enrolled.....	322
Number of girls enrolled.....	320
Total.....	642
Average daily attendance.....	571
Per cent of enrollment.....	89
Neither absent nor tardy.....	288
Cases of tardiness.....	49
Visits.....	121
Number of non-residents.....	25

Miss Elizabeth Thomson of the primary department attended the closing sessions of the state teachers' association in Lincoln, Thursday and Friday.

Supt. Caviness and J. T. Holmes of the High school departed, Tuesday morning for Lincoln, to attend the state teachers' meeting in the capital city, held the latter part of the week.

Miss Ella Leonard is visiting the home folks in Lincoln, during vacation; Miss Wibley in Culbertson; Miss Powers in Trenton; Mrs. Hedlund in Holdrege; Miss Kelley in Cambridge.

Adam Nitzel and Emma Dubarko, who were united in marriage on the 26th, will make their home in Campbell, this state.

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"For God, Home, and Native Land."

"Only one way to abolish drunkenness," says the Novosti, of St. Petersburg, "and that is that no temperance measures (measures allowing the manufacture of and sale in any form) will do away with drunkenness. It may be possible to mitigate the grosser and more disgraceful consumption of liquor, but drunkenness will exist just so long as liquor is sold. To abolish drunkenness is possible but in one way—by abolishing, through absolute prohibition, the manufacture and sale of liquor."

The Chicago Record says that of the \$65,000 paid to the men of the Fourth regiment at Fort Sheridan, \$10,000, within a week, passed into the hands of the six saloon-keepers of Highland, the adjoining village, according to E. A. Welch, who owns and runs the largest saloon in the place. That regiment, over 1,000 strong, sailed for Manila. Will they escape the temptations of drink there?

Arkansas has a scientific temperance instruction law.

The Arkansas legislature has enacted a law which subjects to fine any woman wearing a stuffed bird on her hat. It also provides a penalty of from \$25 to \$50 for each bird skin or part of a bird offered or exposed for sale for millinery purposes, or for killing birds for such a purpose.

A lady asked a butcher for a dollar toward paying for a temperance lecture. She didn't expect to get it, but the butcher said: "There's your dollar. I've sold more meat in a day since this town went no-license than I used to do in a whole week when we had saloons." You cannot make a better temperance lecture than that.

Chicago has a butcher for every 205 and a saloon for every 35 families.

Every city or town that desires to protect its boys and girls from the temptations of the street at night, should adopt the curfew ordinance.

During the past few weeks the state press has been especially prolific in detailing murders, outrages and other horrible crimes within the boundaries of our commonwealth. It is striking to notice these accounts, so unanimously are the crimes enacted or originated in a saloon.

The anti-canteen bill will be brought up in the next congress and it is hoped that a fresh representation of the people will be manifested and sustained.

**COURT HOUSE NEWS.**

**DISTRICT COURT.**

The following filings have been made in the district court since our last report: James F. Toy vs. George W. Bawden et al.; tax foreclosure. Same vs. Carlos C. Burr et al.; same. Same vs. F. P. Nicholson et al.; same. Same vs. John Kolb et al.; same. Same vs. Almon E. Davis et al.; same.

Clyde Lutes, Paul Perrenoud and William Byfield each file damage suits against John F. Helm.

**COUNTY COURT.**

Licenses to marry have been issued by the judge as follows:

Adam Nitzel of Arapahoe and Emma Dubarko of McCook.

Robert Kennedy and Bessie Goodenberger, both of Cedar Bluffs, Kas.

Robert R. Churning of Oxford and Lillian M. Mitchell of McCook. Married by the judge on December 27th.

Fred L. Sheets and Alice I. Behnke, both of Indianola.

Edwin L. Swain of Wauweta and Cora M. Tirrill of McCook.

Frank E. Hamilton and Sophia Heinlein, both of McCook.

Zora D. Shoemaker and Carrie Johnston, both of Indianola. Married by the judge, December 20th.

**PROSPECT PARK.**

Roy Barnes is northeast of McCook, shell-ing corn.

Miss Julia Sly is afflicted with the mumps and her mother is filling her place in the school-room meanwhile.

A number of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mrs. Hanna Barnes, Christmas, and partook of a bountiful dinner with evident relish.

Mrs. R. Churchill, Berlin, Vt., says, "Our baby was covered with running sores, Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. D. W. Loar.

**ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.**

M. C. RIDER is up from Fairbury on business and pleasure.

MRS. J. K. COUZINS was with Oxford relatives over Christmas.

MISS MAUD VANSICKLE of Orleans is visiting McCook friends.

MRS. D. EASTWOOD is the guest of Conductor Eph. Benjamin.

H. W. COLE went up to Denver, yesterday on 1, on lodge business.

MISS LAURA F. C. HOVEY is the guest of S. G. Goheen of the South Side.

MRS. J. J. CURRAN and the children spent Tuesday with Republican City friends.

MISS MARIAN ALLEN of Julesburg, Colorado, spent the Christmas holiday in the city.

MISS KITTIE STANGLAND, who is teaching in Bartley, is spending the holiday vacation at home.

JOSEPH MENARD and family moved into their lately acquired home—the Easterday residence—yesterday.

MR. AND MRS. D. L. MCBRIDE are down from the Frontier county ranch, this week, guests of S. P. Hart.

MRS. H. A. BEALE made a short visit in Red Cloud, close of last week, returning home on last Friday evening.

MISS ELLA NORDIN of Marinette, Wisconsin, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. H. Mars, for the winter.

MRS. H. P. SUTTON and Velma went down to Omaha, Wednesday on 12, on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Frank Boyd.

ED. WATKINS of Hastings was a city visitor, yesterday, being up on business connected with the county's book work.

MISS MABEL JORDAN entertained a small company of young friends on Wednesday evening of this week, very happily.

MRS. R. A. HAGBERG, who has been visiting Holdrege relatives and friends for a week past, returned home, Thursday evening on 5.

MRS. DAVID MAGNER is entertaining her sister Mrs. G. E. Hymer of Billings, during the holidays. Also Wallace Hymer of Deadwood, S. D.

REV. D. L. MATSON, late of the Box Elder charge, is now located in Idaho Springs, Colorado, as pastor of the Methodist church of that city.

MRS. EMERSON HANSON and Master Warren have gone to Illinois.—Mrs. Hanson being called to the bedside of her invalid mother again.

MRS. WILLIAM KOLL came up from Oxford, first of the week, to see her husband, who is engineer of the switch engine in the McCook yard.

C. H. MERKER had the pleasure of entertaining his brother George and family—Mrs. Meeker and two boys—of Germantown over Christmas.

MISS KATHERINE HIGGINS arrived from Kansas City, last Saturday night, and is spending her vacation from school with her mother and sister, who are guests at the Commercial for the winter.

**That Cough Hangs On**

You have used all sorts of cough remedies but it does not yield; it is too deep seated. It may wear itself out in time, but it is more liable to produce la grippe, pneumonia or a serious throat affection. You need something that will give you strength and build up the body.

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will do this when everything else fails. There is no doubt about it. It nourishes, strengthens, builds up and makes the body strong and healthy, not only to throw off this hard cough, but to fortify the system against further attacks. If you are run down or emaciated you should certainly take this nourishing food medicine.

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**INDIANOLA.**

H. W. Keyes had business in the county seat, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Miss Julia Lehn was down from the west end of town, Christmas, visiting relatives and friends.

Agent and Mrs. Mark Lawritson were guests of his brother Mathew in McCook, Christmas day.

Commissioner Crabtree has been in attendance upon the meeting of the board of county commissioners in the county seat, most of the week.

Miss Emily Hopt closed her term of school in the Quigley district, north of the city, last Friday evening, and returned to her home near Cambridge.

Messrs. H. W. Keyes, W. O. Bond, C. B. McClung, J. N. McClung, J. R. Neel, Holton and L. C. Longnecker were among the visitors of the county east, Tuesday.

**A Life and Death Fight.**

Mr. W. A. Hines of Manchester, Ia., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after measles induced serious lung trouble, which ended in consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$500 a bottle. Hundreds have used it to cure throat, chest, and lung troubles." Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at McConnell & Berry's.

**Checking System Applied to Babies.**

In some of the New York department stores babies can be checked like so many umbrellas, while their mothers pursue the elusive bargain from counter to counter. A small boy is detailed to stand guard over a certain number of infants. The small boys and the infants have not been asked for an opinion, but the mothers are enthusiastic in their approval. In Brooklyn the checking system as applied to babies has appeared in a new form. Brooklyn being recognized as the city of churches, the new development is naturally along the ecclesiastical line. The Rev. Dr. Wiley of the Nostrand Avenue Methodist Episcopal church is the originator of the scheme, and the mothers are once more the gainers. A large room has been fitted up with hammocks and cribs, perambulators and toys. Here a volunteer committee of young women assembles every Sunday morning, and here the mothers, who would otherwise be kept at home, leave their babies, while they themselves attend the regular church service. The plan is a novel one, but promises, and deserves, to be popular.

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